Intimation regarding all deaths in police custody is sent to the national Human Rights Commission within 24 hours of the incident according to the standing instructions of the Commission.

मेरठ मंडल में वन्य-जन्तुओं की तस्करी

345. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कई वर्षों से उत्तर प्रदेश के मेरठ मंडल में बड़े पैमाने पर वन्य जन्तुओं की तस्करी हो रही है और वन्य जन्तुओं की इस तस्करी में सुरक्षा अधिकारी तथा कर्मचारी भी अंतर्ग्रस्त हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने वन्य-जन्तुओं की अंतर्राष्ट्रीय तस्करी में लिप्त मुख्य अभियुक्तों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई जांच कराई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस जांच के क्या परिणाम हैं और इस मामले में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है तथा इन अभियुक्तों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, नहीं। पिछले तीन महीनों में उत्तर प्रदेश के मेरठ परिमंडल में वन्यजीव उत्पादों के अवैध व्यापार के केवल तीन मामलों का पता लगा है और वन्यजीवों की तस्करी में कोई सुरक्षा अधिकारी अथवा कर्मचारी शामिल नहीं था।

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां। वन्यजीव उत्पादों की तस्करी में शामिल अपराधियों का पता लगाने के लिए जांच पड़ताल की गई। जांच पड़ताल के परिणामों और अपराधियों के खिलाफ की गई कार्रवाई के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं:—

1. 4.5.1995 को हरिद्वार रेंज से तेंदुए की तीन खालें पकड़ी गई और दो अपराधियों रामकुमार और संसार चन्द के खिलाफ न्यायालय में मामला दायर किया गया है। रामकुमार न्यायिक हिरासत में है और संसार चन्द को सम्मन जारी किया गया है।
2. 28.6.1995 को राजाजी पार्क के अंतर्गत मोहन्द रेंज से तेंदुए की दो खालें और 5 किलोग्राम हड्डियां पकड़ी गई तथा अपराधियों असलान अहमद और विलास अहमद न्यायिक हिरासत में हैं और संसार चन्द के खिलाफ न्यायालय ने गैर-जमानती वारन्ट जारी कर दिया है।
3. 6.7.1995 को हरिद्वार के निकट श्यामपुर रेंज से तेंदुए की एक खाल पकड़ी गई अपराधी प्रताप और रमेश न्यायिक हिरासत में हैं और संसार चन्द जिसको इस मामले में फंसाया गया है, के खिलाफ न्यायालय ने गैर-जमानती वारन्ट जारी किया है।

Communication Network in Saurashtra-Kachh Region

346. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the communication network in Saurashtra-Kachh region has not been operating properly for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to improve the operational performance of communication network in Saurashtra-Kachh region;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up modern electronic communication system in the region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Communication network in Saurashtra-Kachh region is operating satisfactorily.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Steps proposed to be taken to further improve the services in the region are enclosed in statement-I (*see* below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) (i) In Saurashtra-Kachh region, all the new exchanges to be installed shall be modern electronic exchanges only.

(ii) All the 10 MAX.III exchanges working in Saurashtra-Kachh Region given in Statement-II shall be replaced by electronic exchanges during 1995-96 (*see* below).

(iii) Modern electronic transmission and switching systems proposed to be installed in the region are given in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Steps are being taken for Improvement of Operational Performance in Saurashtra-Kachh Region.

1. All MAX-III MAX-II line finder exhanges are being replaced irrespective of their life by state-of-the-art Digital Electronic Exchanges.
2. All the life expired electro-mechanical MAX-I exchanges are being replaced by Digital Electronic Exchanges.
3. Where electro-mechanical exchanges have not out-lived their life, electronic exchanges are being installed to take over the STD subscribers.
4. Digital Microwave and Optical Fibre Systems are being introduced progressively in the local junction network of multi-exchange areas to improve the efficiency of inter-exchange junctions.
5. Trunk Automatic Exchanges and Transmission Media are being expanded to eliminate congestion in the long distance network.
6. Diversity transmission media are being provided to avoid complete disruption of traffic in case of failure of one medium.
7. Trunk Automatic Exchanges are being provided at all the SSA Headquarters for smooth flow of the subscriber trunk dialled traffic.
8. Reliable transmission media are being inducted in the rural network.
9. Staff is being trained/retrained so as to acquire higher skills for better maintenance of Telecom. facilities.
10. Open-wire lines serving local telephones are being replaced progressively by underground cables.
11. No new electro-mechanical exchanges shall be installed in future.
12. No paper core cables which are susceptible to faults are being added to the network.

Statement-II

Electromechanical Exchanges to be Replaced During 1995-96

Sr. No.	Name of Exchange	District/SSA	Type of Exchange	Capacity
1.	Asodar	Amreli	MAX-III	25
2.	Dolasa	-do-	-do-	25
3.	Eklera	-do-	-do-	50
4.	Gadhka	Jamnagar	-do-	25
5.	Ghantwad	Amreli	-do-	50
6.	Jambarwala	-do-	-do-	50
7.	Lamba Bunder	Jamnagar	-do-	30
8.	Nana-Ankadia	Amreli	-do-	50
9.	Navagam(JMN)	Jamnagar	-do-	50
10.	Untvad	Amreli	-do-	25

Statement-III

Commissioning Programme of Transmission Media during 1995-96 in Saurashtra-Kutch Region

Amreli District	
1. Amreli-Chital	30 CHL. UHF
2. Jafrabad-Timbi	" "
3. Una-Jafrabad	120 CHL. UHF
Jamnagar District	
1. Tarsai-Jamjodhpur	30 CHL. UHF
2. Jamraval-Jamkalyanpur	" "
Junagadh District	
1. Diu-Una	120 CHL. UHF
2. Adityana-Ranavav	CABLE PCM
3. Chorvad-Malia	30 CHL. UHF
4. Probandar-Tukada Ghosa	" "
5. Sadpur-Vanthali	CABLE PCM
6. Vadal-Junagadh	30 CHL. UHF
7. Ranakandorna-Ranavav	" "
8. Visvadar-Junagadh	120 CHL. UHF
9. Akolwadi-Talala	30 CHL. UHF
Rajkot District	
1. Bhayavadar-Upleta	30 CHL. UHF
2. Rajkot-Atkot-Amreli	140 MBIT OFC
3. Panoli-Moti-Bhayavadar	10 CHL.D. UHF
4. Moviya-Bondal	CABLE PCM.
Bhavnagar District	
1. Umrala-Gariadhar	30 CHL. UHF
2. Dhola-Umrala	CABLE PCM
3. Goti-Palitana	" "
4. Budhel-Sardarnagar	" "
5. Parvadi-Garidhar	" "
6. Songadh-Sihor	" "
7. Trapaj-Talaja	30 CHL. UHF
8. Bhavnagar-Palitana	120 CHL. UHF
Kutch (Bhuj) District	
1. Gadhasisa-Mandvi	30 CHL. UHF
2. Sukhpar-Bhuj	CFC
3. Kotada-Nakhatrana	CABLE PCM
4. Bhuj-Mundra	34 MBIT OFC
5. Vitnon-Nakhatrana	CABLE PCM
6. Mundra-Bhujpur-Mandvi	34 MBIT OFC
7. Kothara-Nalia	30 CHL. UHF
8. Pandhra-Bayapar	30 CHL. UHF
9. Vadala-Aakundrodi	CABLE PCM

Surendranagar District

1. Surendranagar-Limbdi
2. Lakhtar
3. Muli-Sarla

34 MBIT OFC
" " DROPPING
30 CHL. UHF

Development of Major Ports

347. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the development of major ports so far during the 8th Plan;

(b) the port-wise details thereof;

(c) the various development steps proposed to be taken in Paradip Port during the remaining period of 8th Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An outlay of Rs. 2984.00 crores has been provided in 8th Five Year Plan 1992—97 for development and modernisation of major ports in the country.

(b) The details are as below:—

S. No.	Name of Port	8th Plan Outlay (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Calcutta	155.00
2	Haldia	266.00
3.	Bombay	413.00
4.	Jawaharlal Nehru	215.00
5.	Madras	570.00
6.	Cochin	117.00
7.	Visakhapatnam	250.00
8.	Kandla	226.00
9.	Mormugao	123.00
10.	Paradip	486.00
11.	New Mangalore	98.00
12.	Tuticorin	65.00
	Total	2984.00

(c) and (d) For Pradip, an outlay of Rs. 486 crores has been provided in 8th Plan. The major schemes taken up in 8th Plan are "construction of a multi-purpose berth" and "creation of mechanised coal handling facilities and construction of two coal berths at Paradip".

Visit of the President of India to Foreign Countries

348. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the President of India recently visited a number of Latin American countries: and heads of States and Prime Ministers from some of these countries paid visits to India in recent months;

(b) what were the main agreement and MOUs reached as a result of exchange of these visits; and

(c) what are the prospects of strengthening diplomatic, cultural and economic ties with these countries, as seen in the context of these exchange?